

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended and Claims 2 and 3 are cancelled. Claims 1 and 4-18, as amended, remain in the application. No new matter is added by the amendments to the claims.

In the Office Action dated October 1, 2004, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,148,698 issued to Hsieh. That Examiner stated that Claims 3-8 would be allowable is rewritten in independent form and that Claims 9-18 are allowed.

Applicant amended Claim 1 by including the subject matter of cancelled Claims 2 and 3.

The Examiner cited without comment the U.S. Patent No. 6,202,515 issued to Denton; the U.S. Patent No. 6,295,898 issued to Hsieh; and the U.S. Patent No. 6,330,840 issued to McCormick et al. Applicant reviewed these references and found them to be no more pertinent than the prior art relied upon by the Examiner in his rejection.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above arguments, Applicant believes that the claims of record now define patentable subject matter over the art of record. Accordingly, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.